

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Simon F. Williams and David P. Martin

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For: **POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE COMPOSITIONS FOR SOFT TISSUE REPAIR, AUGMENTATION AND VISCOSSUPPLEMENTATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2002, please amend the application as follows. It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission, however, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

**In the Claims**

1. (amended) A composition for the repair or augmentation of tissue in an animal or human, comprising

a biocompatible, bioabsorbable fluid which comprises a polyhydroxyalkanoate which is injectable into a human or animal for repair or augmentation of tissue.

7. (amended) The composition of claim [1] 5 wherein the particles have a diameter of less than about 500  $\mu\text{m}$ .